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SUBJ: PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF - RICE BORER EPIDEMIC

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SUMMARY: INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL PARA 2. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PUNJAB PLANT PROTECTION DEPT. REPORTS THAT THERE IS ABOUT 1,300 M.T. OF GRANULAR PESTICIDE (MOSTLY DIAZINON 10 PERCENT) IN THE PROVINCE. AT A RATE OF 10 LBS. PER ACRE THIS IS SUFFICIENT TO COVER 286,000 ACRES. ABOUT 700 TONS OF THIS PESTICIDE IS HELD AND OWNED BY THE PUNJAB PLANT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND IS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED IN THE PUNJAB PLANT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S GODOWNS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.

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THE REMAINDER IS WITH PRIVATE DISTRIBUTORS IN THE PUNJAB--

MAINLY CIBA BUT ALSO SOME WITH NATIONAL FARM GUIDE,
JAFFER, AGMORE, ETC.
THE IMPORT VALUE OF THIS MATERIAL ALREADY FORMULATED IS
ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$700-800/TON OR ABOUT \$1.0 MILLION. THE
PRESENT SUBSIDIZED COST TO THE FARMER IS APPROXIMATELY
RS. 1.60/LBS. OR ABOUT RS. 16.00 PER ACRE (FOR 10 LBS.)

2. THE COMMERCIAL DEMAND FOR PESTICIDE IS NOT WELL DEVELOPED
SO EVEN UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES OFF TAKE OF GRANULARS
WOULD BE SLOW. THIS YEAR FARMERS ARE SUFFERING FINANCIALLY
FROM FLOOD/RAINS AND ARE HOPEFUL THEIR CROPS MAY BE
SPRAYED BY AIR FREE, AS A RESULT OF THESE TWO FACTORS, SALE
OF GRANULES IS PARTICULARLY SLOW.

3. IF DISTRIBUTION IS TO TAKE PLACE AT NO OR NOMINAL COST
IT IS BELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB WANTS TO BE COMPENSATED
IN ONE OF TWO WAYS, EITHER PAID IN RUPEES FOR THE PESTICIDE
DISTRIBUTED AT THE RATE THEY PLANNED TO RECOVER I.E.R.I.
1.60/LBS. OR TO BE REIMBURSED IN KIND AT SOME LATER DATE
BY GRANT PROCUREMENT OF PESTICIDE USED. THE SAME WOULD LIKELY
BE TRUE OF PRIVATE DISTRIBUTIONS. WE WILL NOW ONLY TALK IN
TERMS OF POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT ON RUPEE COST.
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